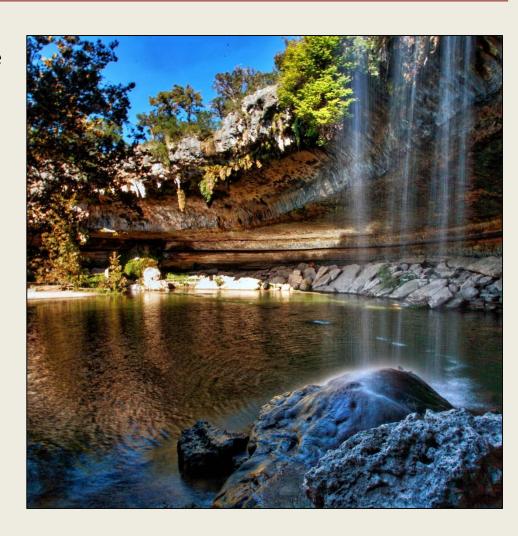


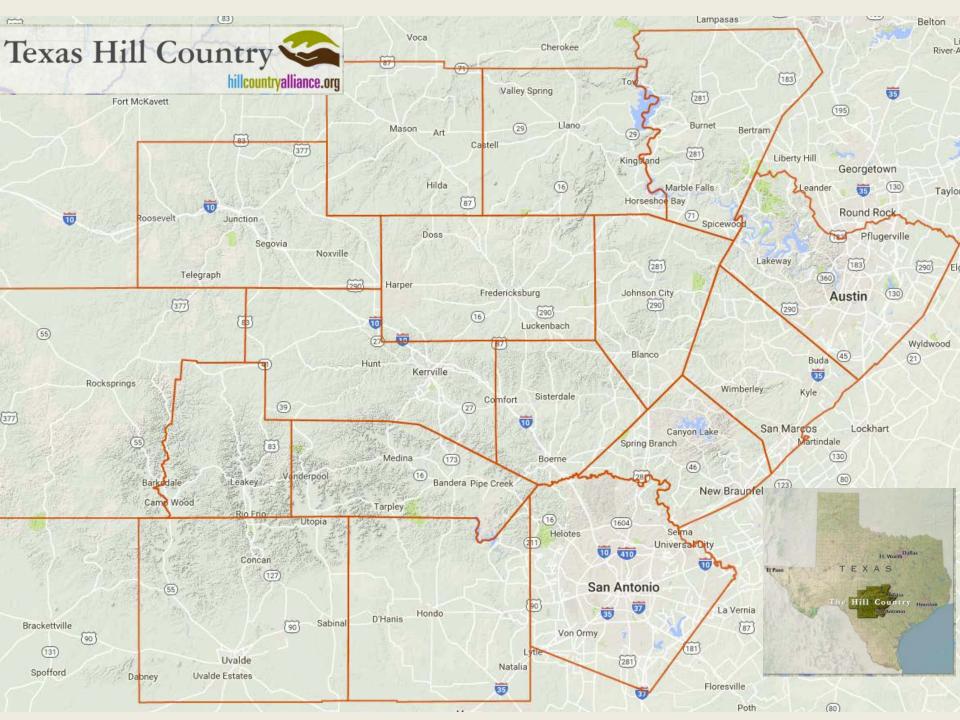
# hill country alliance



### **Presentation Overview**

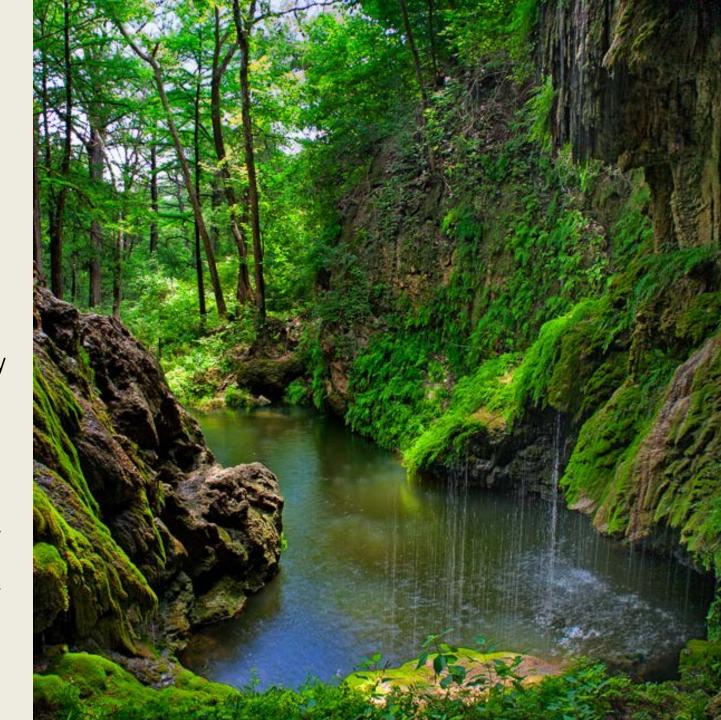
- Who is the Hill Country Alliance
- Value of the Hill Country to Austin
- Growth and its Impacts
- UT Design Studio
- Opportunity for collaboration





# Value of the Hill Country:

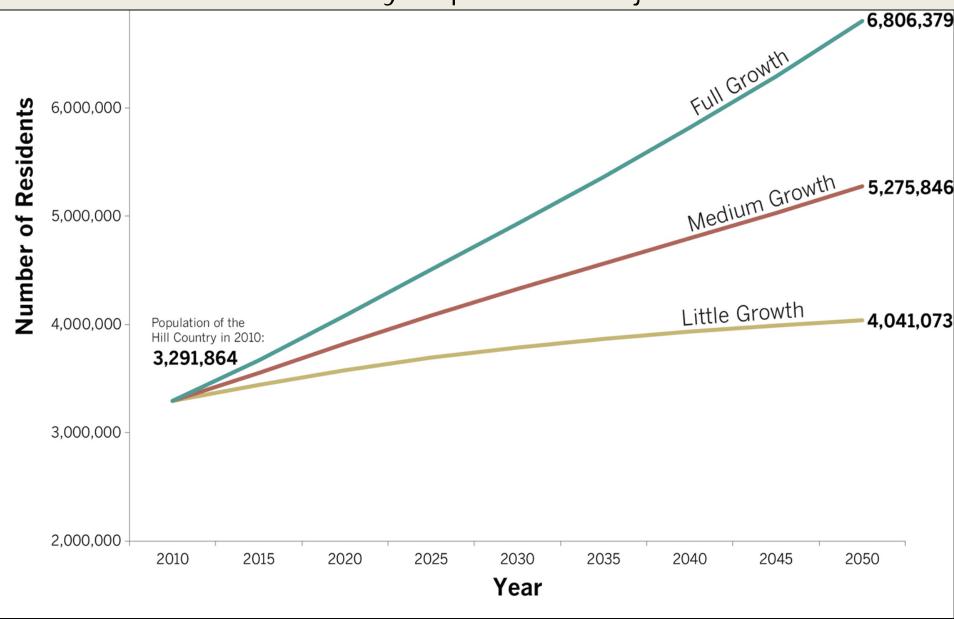
- Water
- Clean Air
- Flood Mitigation
- Recreation
- Regional Identity
- Habitat
- Quality of Life
- Culture & History
- Economic Driver







### Hill Country Population Projections



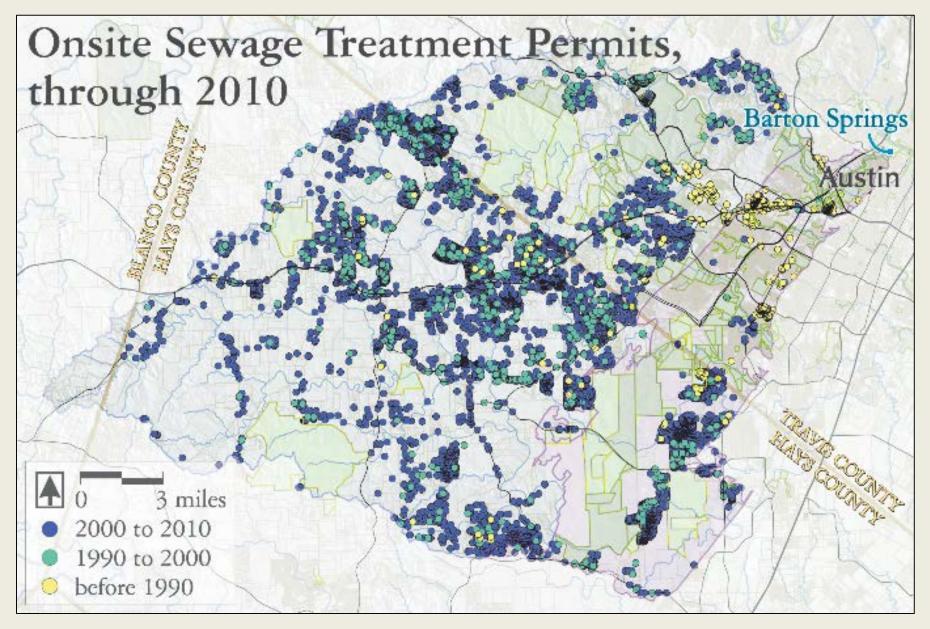








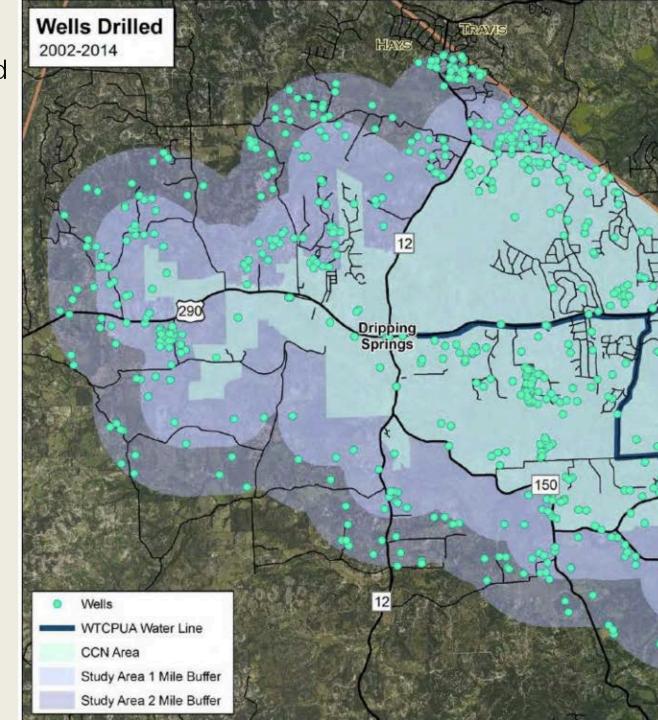
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The Texas Landscape Project, 2016

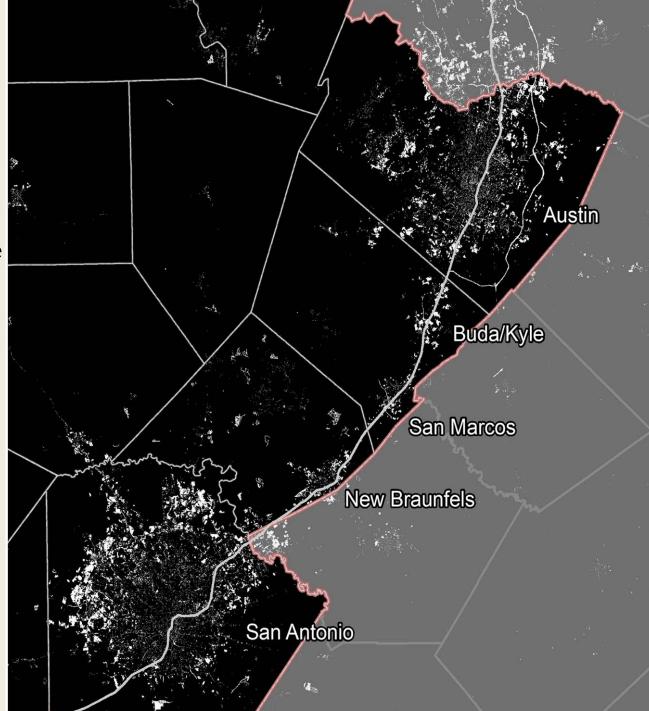
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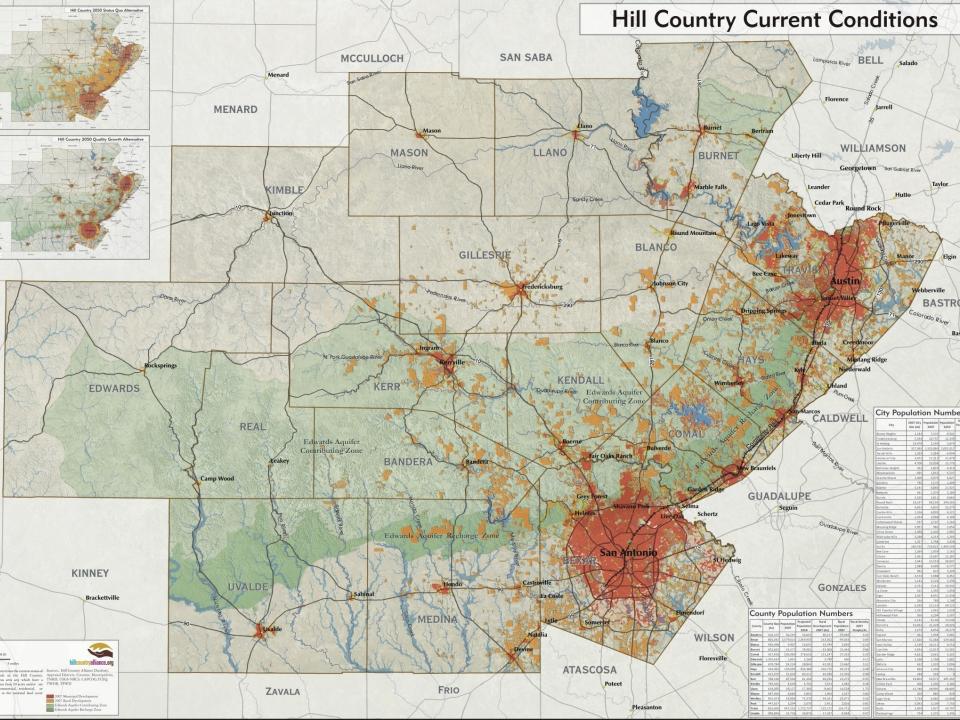
- More wells
- Estimated 3.5 million gallons per year in 2002
- Estimated 88 million gallons per year 2014.
- 2,354% increase.
- Impacts on spring flow?

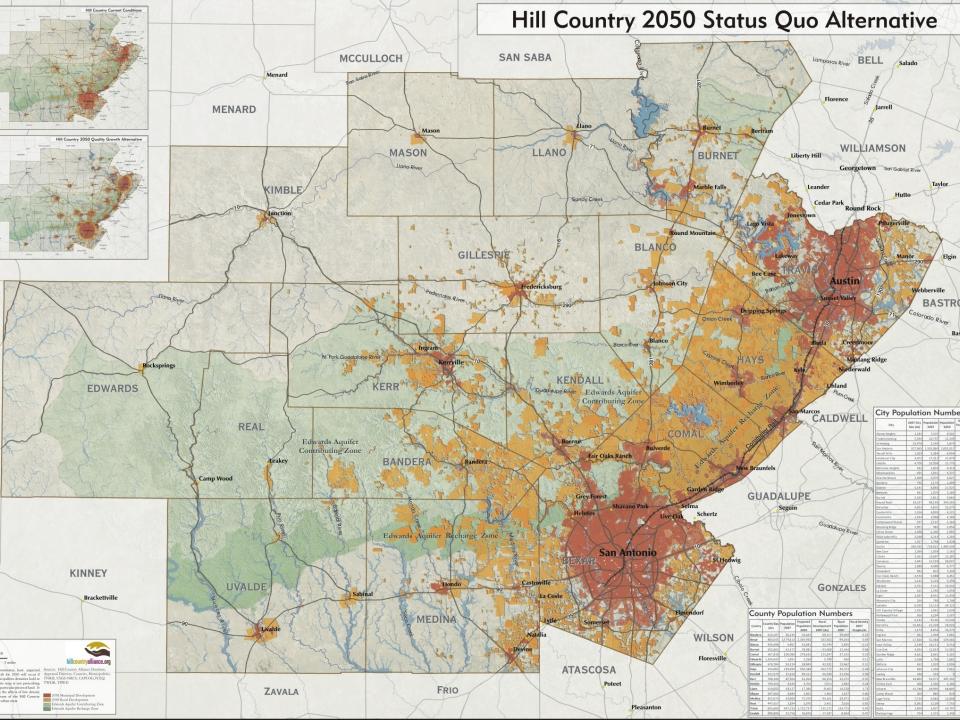


# Increased impervious cover 2000 to 2010:

- 50,000 acres
- Preventing recharge and filtration
- Exacerbating flooding























# Hill Country Endowment

#### Directs funding to:

- Resource Protection
- Infrastructure improvements
- Regional Transit
- Density and Affordability

#### Regional collaboration between:

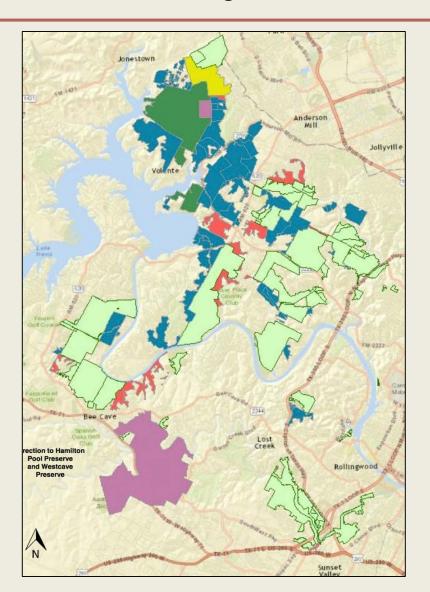
- Private Corporations
- Foundations
- Government



# Hill Country Endowment



# Hill Country Endowment: Local Precedents

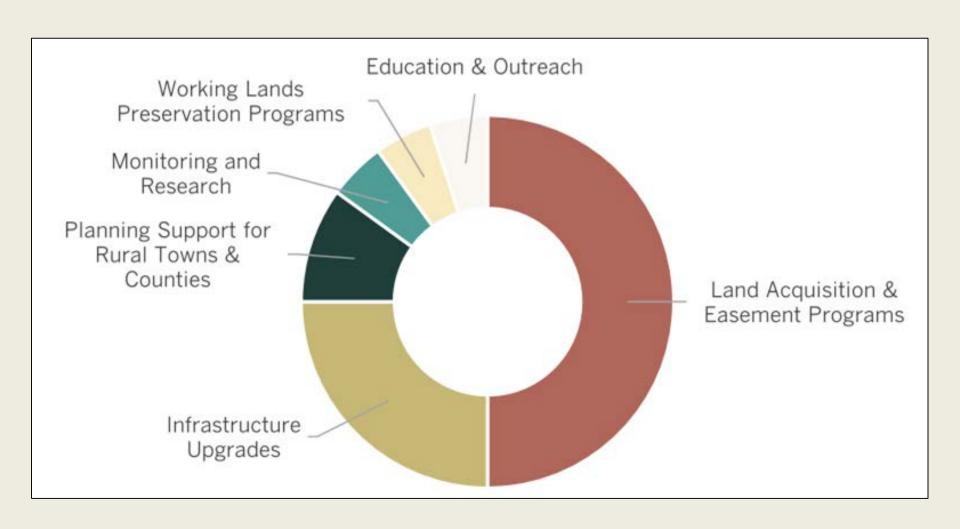


Balcones Canyonlands Preserve and Water Quality Protection Lands:

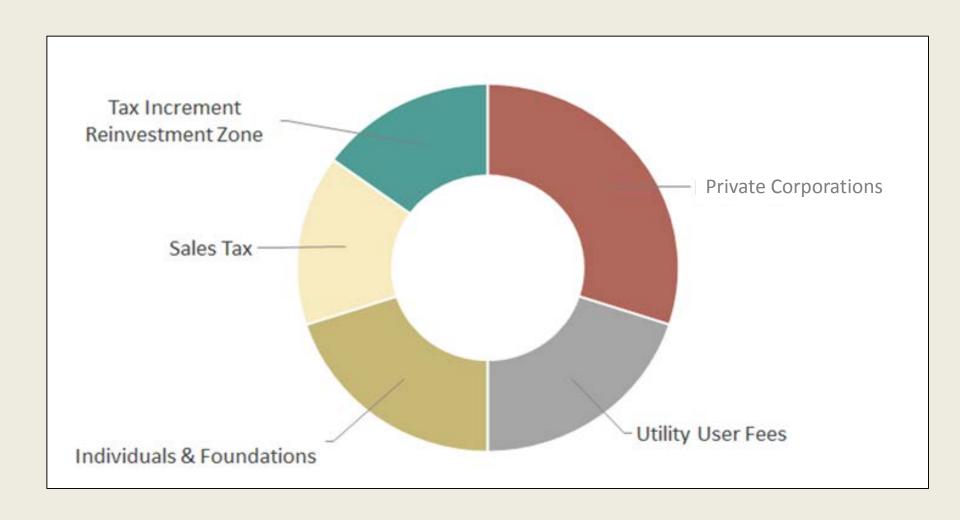
- Voters approved 9 bonds in 6 elections
- Between 1992 and 2012
- Investing approximately \$265
   Million
- Conserving approximately 58,000 acres

Similar Success Story in San Antonio (\$325 million, 136,000 acres)

# Hill Country Endowment: Potential Allocation of Funds



# Hill Country Endowment: Diverse Funding Sources



## Hill Country Endowment: Next Steps

#### HCA's Steps Moving forward:

- Fostering collaboration
- Soliciting support from other corridor cities
- Convening rural community leaders
- Exploring financial opportunities and legislative constraints



## Hill Country Endowment: Next Steps

Partnership with the City of Austin:

- Austin City Council / Environment Commission Statement of support
- Allow Hill Country
   Alliance to return in
   the Spring to update
   this Commission



